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**Subject:** End of Day -- October 5, 2017

## PRESS

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**Marin Independent Journal** (Mark Prado) [Received 10/2] – OPEN – Reporter is doing a story on sewer system improvements in Marin County and contacted program with questions about orders from 2008. Working with program on response. DDL: 10/6. ENF, Michele Huitric

**Freelance writer** (Laura Newberry) [Received 10/2] – OPEN – UC Berkeley student reporter is working on a story about the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup. In follow-up to earlier questions, she is now asking if we have any documents that describe how the Navy is taking sea level rise and earthquakes into account as it remediates the land. Working with program on response. DDL: 10/6. SF, Michele Huitric

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Children's Health Month** – Posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about October being Children's Health Month and linked to our [Children's Health Month 2017](#) site.

### Web Updates:

**Navajo Nation** – Published new information on current and upcoming [contracting opportunities](#) for site assessment, remediation and construction at abandoned uranium mines on or near Navajo Nation.

### Online Updates:

**News this Week** – Highlighted a newly published edition of [New Faces](#), [Children's Health Month](#) and today's rollout of [PeoplePlus 9.2](#).

**Human Resources** – Updated the [Telework page](#) to add Jennifer Mann as the R9 Telework Program Manager.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Congressional Outreach for Upcoming SJV Air District Event:** Brent Maier shared information and invited Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Jim Costa and Devin Nunes to attend an upcoming press event on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Air District and shared details regarding the event and the expected participants in which Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss will represent U.S. EPA to showcase California's first zero-emissions transport refrigeration unit. The event will be held in

collaboration with project partners – eNow, Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies, Emerson, and Challenge Dairy Products, Inc.

**Congressional Outreach on Proposed Approval of the Second 10-Year SO<sub>2</sub> Maintenance Plan for the San Manuel Maintenance Area:** Brent Maier notified Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representatives Tom O'Halleran, Raul Grijalva, and Paul Gosar that today, the Federal Register published a notice proposing approval of the second 10-year maintenance plan for San Manuel, Arizona for the 1971 sulfur dioxide standard. The public comment period will be open for 30 days from the date of publication and we will consider any relevant comments in our final action. The notice and docket are available at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/10/05/2017-21378/approval-of-arizona-air-plan-revision-san-manuel-arizona-second-10-year-sulfur-dioxide-maintenance>

**CA State Senator Ben Hueso:** Brent Maier received a message from Ana Molina, Chief of Staff for CA State Senator Ben Hueso regarding an upcoming State Legislative Informational Hearing of the California/Mexico Select Committee to be held on November 3, 2017 at 11:00am in San Diego. They will be sending a formal invitation to Brent inviting EPA to send a representative who would be available to provide the members of the Committee with an overview on the 2020 Border Program and ongoing activities in the Border Region. When we were initially approached a few months back as to this request, we checked in with HQ Intergovernmental Office who said since it is an "informational" and not formal hearing requiring prepared testimony, that there would not be a problem with EPA sending a representative. Brent will share formal invitation with our Senior Management Team and Border Program when it arrives.

#### **Upcoming Congressional, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32):** Brent Maier has confirmed with the Congresswoman's District Chief of Staff Perla Hernandez a meeting with the Congresswoman and EPA Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 10:00am in the Congresswoman's El Monte District Office. Brent spoke with the Congresswoman's Legislative Director Joe Sheehy and was told the Congresswoman would like to discuss only two topics, Los Angeles storm water and San Gabriel Superfund Site. A pre-brief with managers in our Water and Superfund Divisions is scheduled with Alexis on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, October 19, 2017 - EPA to Meet with North Bay Water Reuse Authority –** EPA HQ will meet with representatives of the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) to receive updates on work the NBWRA has done in Northern California's Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties to generate a sustainable, drought proof water supply for agriculture, environmental restoration and municipal purposes. According to the Authority, NBWRA's success is based on an innovative partnership that leverages contributions from local, state and federal agencies, and can advance rapidly in the coming years with continued support from, among other sources, a combination new federally-backed water financing tools, existing state revolving loan program assistance, and limited state and federal grants. The NBWRA wants to continue its support for existing and new, innovative water infrastructure tools. They believe that new federal programs, such as WIFIA, and a similar program proposed for the Bureau of Reclamation in pending House legislation, can play a critical role in leveraging and accelerating significant non-federal support in critical water infrastructure. Brad Sherwood, Community & Government Affairs Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency, and David Rabbitt, District Supervisor, Sonoma County; Chair, Board of Directors, NBWRA, and Director, Sonoma County Water Agency, will represent the NBWRA. NBWRA officials last met with EPA in March of this year. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017 - Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA):** Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting in the Senator's Los Angeles Office with Julie Chavez Rodriguez, State Director with Steven Leonido-John, Director of our Southern California Field Office on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 2:00pm. Steven will travel to the Senator's Los Angeles Office in person and Brent will tie into the meeting via teleconference along with my Region 9 colleagues. We plan to provide staff with an overview of EPA's Southern California Field Office, highlight some Southern California Superfund Sites and our Brownfields Program in Southern California, EPA's Grants Program, and small drinking water systems compliance along with any other topics their office might have an interest in.

## **HQ Congressional Weekly Legislative Report:**

### ***Passed Legislation***

- On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Senate passed [S.1057](#) - Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017
- On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the House agreed to [H.Res.553](#) - Providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

### ***Committee Action***

- On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure for America: Water Stakeholders’ Perspectives.” [More information.](#)
- On October 4<sup>th</sup>, The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a full committee hearing entitled, “Hearing on the Nominations of Michael Dourson, Matthew Leopold, David Ross, and William Wehrum to be Assistant Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Jeffery Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.” [More information.](#)
- On October 4<sup>th</sup>, The House Energy & Commerce Committee held a hearing entitled “Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Perspectives of Key Stakeholders.” [More information.](#)
- On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee advanced more than a dozen bills that impact the federal workforce, including legislation to increase government employees’ buyout packages and bolster whistleblower protections. [More information.](#)

### ***Future Committee Action***

- On October 11<sup>th</sup>, The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Evaluating the Paperwork Reduction Act Part II: Are Burdens Being Reduced?” EPA Acting CIO Steven Fine, Ph.D. is scheduled to testify. [More information.](#)

## **Recap of Recent Intergovernmental Meetings:**

**EPA Meets with Windsor, CA Local Officials:** Mayor Debora Fudge and Toni Bertolero, Public Works Director/City Engineer, met with EPA on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss projects the city is considering supporting, including Brownfields, the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, and Water and Wastewater Infrastructure. Mayor Fudge and her staff have interacted with Region IX on the city’s Brownfields priorities. The city is also interested in support for Flood Detention Basins to avoid having to channelize creeks and build floodwalls along creeks. While in Washington, they also met with relevant Agencies, including the Army Corps, to discuss the flood concerns. Windsor is a relatively small community of just under 27,000 residents. Town leaders are continuing efforts to “Green” its downtown, and it has a Storm Drainage Master Plan as part of the revitalization efforts. Mayor Fudge and her team are also proud of the town’s Urban Water Management Plan that was finalized in 2015. They especially appreciated the extensive dialogue and guidance from EPA staff about activities that are eligible for support from the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs. They welcomed guidance on appropriate State program officials to follow up with as well. They also welcomed continued dialogue on the scope of the Brownfields Program, and how that program can also be used to assist with some water infrastructure goals and priorities. Mayor Fudge discussed such innovations as the “Smart Train” that is slated to have a stop in Windsor by 2020. All of the town’s efforts to revitalize, provide “smart” transportation, and continue to improve the quality of life are rooted in sustainable development, and planning that prioritizes both environmental protection and the protection of public health. The local officials appreciate that OIR staff will work with the Urban Waters Federal Partnership staff to offer a telephone briefing to provide additional information about the

Urban Waters Program. OIR will continue to coordinate follow-up with the Mayor and her team. The “Town of Windsor,” as it is called, prides itself on being highly regarded, and continuously finding innovative ways to improve the community’s quality of life. They point to the “family-oriented” and “business friendly” community as having an exceptional quality of life that includes a wide variety of services and recreational amenities, excellent schools, well—planned business areas, and a range of housing types. Their efforts have been recognized with numerous awards, including such categories as: healthy community; best land use design; environmentally conscientious and, best place to work. *OCIR* Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon